

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on January 31, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 370, 1/25/2005; HB 379,
1/25/2005
Executive Action: HB 370

HEARING ON HB 370

00:03:45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 370, Revise strip and underground mine reclamation act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:11

Neil Harrington, Department of Environmental Quality

EXHIBIT (nah24a01)

EXHIBIT (nah24a02)

00:13:26

Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:30

REP. BARRETT

00:16:04

REP. DICKENSON

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:56

REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, closed the hearing on HB 370.

HEARING ON HB 379

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:59

REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 379, Fund Zortman-Landusky mine reclamation.

EXHIBIT (nah24a03)

EXHIBIT (nah24a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:36 **REP. MARGARETT CAMPBELL (HD 31)**
00:26:34 Julia Doney, Vice President, Fort Belknap Indian
Community Council

EXHIBIT (nah24a05)

00:32:58 Andrew Huff, Attorney for Assiniboine Tribe
00:33:41 Kenneth B. Lewis, Assiniboine Representative for
Fort Belknap Tribes
00:34:45 Selena Ditmar, Elder, Fort Belknap Community
Tribal Council
00:35:41 Julie King-Kulbeck, Treasurer, Fort Belknap Tribes
00:37:45 Kenneth "Gus" Helgersen, Island Mountain
Protectors
00:39:53 Catherine Halver, Fort Belknap Tribe
00:43:13 William Bell, aka Holds The Mountain Close
00:46:08 **REP. BOB BERGREN, HD 33**
00:48:26 **REP. NORMA BIXBY, HD 41**

EXHIBIT (nah24a06)

00:51:02 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT, HD 39**
00:52:07 Sarah Singer
00:52:39 **REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMANN, HD 42**
00:54:22 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information
Center
00:55:15 Audio Visual Testimony
01:03:33 Les Cramer
01:03:50 Video Presentation

EXHIBIT (nah24a07)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:12:06 Larry Mitchell, Previously with Montana
Legislative Services
01:13:47 Warren McCullough, Department of Environmental
Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:19 **REP. HARRIS**
01:14:52 Steve Welsh, Department of Environmental Quality
01:16:51 **REP. JOPEK**
01:18:41 Wayne Jeppeson, Hydrologolist, Department of
Environmental Quality
01:20:56 **REP. BARRETT**
01:23:42 **REP. CLARK**
01:29:08 Larry Mitchell
01:34:26 **REP. GUTSCHE**
01:43:08 **REP. LAMBERT**
01:46:23 **REP. BARRETT**
01:47:32 **REP. BROWN**
01:48:46 **REP. MAEDJE**
01:50:53 **REP. HARRIS**
01:53:23 **CHAIRMAN PETERSON**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:17 **REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY (D)**, HD 32 closed the
hearing on HB 379.

01:56:40 Break
02:07:09 Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 370

02:07:37 **Motion:** REP. HARRIS moved that HB 370 DO PASS.

02:07:50 **Motion/Vote:** REP. BROWN moved that HB 370 BE
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:08:26 **Motion/Vote:** REP. HARRIS moved that HB 370 DO
PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote.

02:11:12

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah24aad0.PDF](#))